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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/670,013	JABLONOWSKI ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Juliana K. Kang	2874	

- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address -
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 February 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-4 and 18-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-4 and 18-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 3/23/06 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

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1. Applicant's communication filed on February 10, 2006 has been carefully studied by the Examiner. The arguments advanced therein are not persuasive and the rejections based upon prior art made of record in the previous office action are hereby maintained. Thus this action is made final.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-4 and 18-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bickham et al (US 2003/0174988 A1).

Bickham et al disclose an optical WDM transmission system using Raman amplification [see [0005] and [0113]], comprising an optical fiber characterized by: low water peak at 1383 nm window (thus inherently including 1385nm) less than 0.4 dB/km or none (see [0017] and [099]), zero dispersion wavelength less than or equal to 1355 nm (see [0010]), and an effective area of 50. Bickham et al do not explicitly state the wavelengths such as 1375nm and 1565nm for the dispersion, Bickham et al's few examples of fibers characteristics appear to include the claimed range of chromatic dispersion especially the ones shown in Table 4, example 6 and Table 6 examples 11-14. Bickham et al also show the claimed index profiles (see Fig. 14, 17, 19, 20, etc.).

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed February 10, 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that Bickham et al teaches away from the requirement of a "chromatic dispersion greater than 1 ps/nm-km at 1375 nm" as defined in rejected independent claims 1 and 18. Applicant further argues that the paragraph [0015] of the Bickham et al reference requires a "negative" or at most "zero dispersion" and there is no disclosure or suggestion anywhere in Bickham et al regarding the use of a positive dispersion at this wavelength region. The Examiner does not agree with this. The paragraph [0015] of Bickham et al talks about a negative or zero dispersion at a wavelength of about 1310nm. Bickham et al discloses negative dispersion at wavelength of 1310 but clearly discloses positive chromatic dispersions for other wavelengths (see Table 2, 4 and 6) including 1400nm which is very close to the claimed wavelength 1375nm and which has a positive dispersion slope or 0.039. Bickham et al also clearly disclose the positive dispersion that is less than 10 ps/nm-km at 1565nm range. For example, in table 2, dispersion at 1625nm is 6.9 and dispersion at 1550nm is 6.7.

Conclusion

5. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37

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CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Juliana K. Kang whose telephone number is (571) 272-2348. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rod Bovernick can be reached on (571) 272-2344. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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